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6. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is cancer pain.

7. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is postoperative pain.

8. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is phantom [limit] limb pain.

9. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is [bum] burn pain.

10. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is gout pain.

11. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is osteoarthritic pain.

12. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is trigeminal neuralgia pain.

13. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is acute herpetic and postherpetic pain.

14. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is causalgia pain.

15. A method according to claim [1] 2 wherein the pain treated is idiopathic pain.

16. A method for treating pain comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of (S)-3-(aminomethyl)-5-methylhexanoic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, to a human in need of said treatment.

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17. A method according to claim 16 wherein the compound administered is (S)-3-(aminomethyl)-5-methylhexanoic acid.

18. A method according to claim 16 wherein the compound administered is a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of (S)-3-(aminomethyl)-5-methylhexanoic acid.

19. A method according to claim 17 wherein the pain treated is chronic pain.

20. A method according to claim 17 wherein the pain treated is selected from the group consisting of inflammatory pain, neuropathic pain, cancer pain, postoperative pain, and idiopathic pain.

21. A method according to claim 17 wherein the pain treated is neuropathic pain.

22. A method according to claim 17 wherein the pain treated is diabetic neuropathic pain.

23. A method according to claim 17 wherein the pain treated is acute herpetic pain.

24. A method according to claim 17 wherein the pain treated is postherpetic pain.

25. A method according to claim 17 wherein the pain treated is fibromyalgia pain.

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